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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on November 6, 2007, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time for response until April 6, 2009, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 23-0503. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0503.

Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.